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Airborne Laser Program recognizes award winners

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KIRTLAND AFB, N.M. – Quarterly award winners for the Airborne Laser System Program Office were recognized in September. Honors for Company Grade Officer went to Capt. Carey Johnson, for Senior Civilian to Tom Moss, for Program Manager to Maj. James Rothenflue, and for Junior Civilian to Gina Chaves. Recognized also was 2nd Lt. Andy Wasson as the Team Member of the Month.

Johnson, an optics engineer, was cited for his work as liaison with the Air Force Research Laboratory where he performed atmospheric compensation testing at White Sands (N.M.) Missile Range. He was also praised for orchestrating several key visits from senior Department of Defense officials and congressional representatives.

Moss received his award for work as chief of the program's Financial Analysis Branch where he worked with an annual budget of more than \$250 million. He was credited with having made this the premier executing program throughout the DOD. Moss was also praised for his church and civic contributions.

Rothenflue, the program's high-energy laser government team leader, was credited with having successfully led the efforts to validate the design for the flight-weighted laser module that would actually work on the airplane. The campaign he headed proved that the Airborne Laser's laser module will meet operational requirements.

Chaves, a student employee, was praised for her contributions towards ensuring that the administrative portions of the 'front office' operated smoothly. During this quarter, she assumed new duties that included travel arrangements and protocol issues.

Wasson earned monthly honors for his work on a variety of safety issues. These included the compatibility of Halon with other chemicals aboard the Airborne Laser, the effectiveness of C-17 foam aboard the aircraft, and potential risks of an ammonia leak. @